(*b*) if the answer to question (*a*) is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to consider this important question as early as possible?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* (*a*) Yes, subject to the availability of funds.

(*b*) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (*a*).

GOVERNMENT PRESS SUPERINTENDENT—QUALIFICATIONS OF.

56. **Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon** *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have appointed a new Superintendent of the Government Press; and if so, will Government state his qualifications?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

(*i*) Five years' printing course at the Government School of Technology, Madras.

(*ii*) Composing examination held by the City and Guilds of the London Institute, England.

(*iii*) Three and a half years' experience in the Diocesan Press, Madras, in Composing, Proof-reading, Imposing and Lino-type departments; worked as General Foreman of all the departments in the Associated Printers, Madras; worked as the Superintendent of the Devi Press, Ltd., Madras, for 1½ years. Worked as the Manager of the Baptist Mission Press in Burma.

57. **Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)* Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the name, age, qualification, previous service of the present Superintendent of the Government Press;

(*b*) who was in that post previous to the appointment of the present incumbent;

(*c*) whether applications were called for before filling in the vacancy of the Superintendent of the Government Press?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Mr. John George. 28 years of age.

Qualifications.—(*i*) 5 years' printing course at the Government School of Technology, Madras (*ii*) Composing Examination held by the City and Guilds of the London Institute, England.

Previous experience.—3½ years' experience in the Diocesan Press, Madras, in Composing, Proof-reading, Imposing and Lino-type departments. Worked as General Foreman of all the departments in the Associated Printers, Madras. Worked as the

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Superintendent of the Devi Press, Ltd., Madras, for 1½ years. Worked as the Manager of the Baptist Mission Press in Burma.

(*b*) Mr. C. Subramania Pillai.

(*c*) No.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know what the pay of the present Superintendent is ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Rs. 200 per mensem.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Of the previous Superintendent ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Rs. 75—100 per mensem.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Is the previous Superintendent still drawing the same pay ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* He is not the Superintendent now.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* What exactly is his post now ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* So far as he is concerned, Mr. Subramaniam Pillai is not in service now. He has tendered his resignation.

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Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* For one year.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* After the re-organisation of the Press Department, is it working on a commercial basis now ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* What is the profit we are making now approximately ?

Mr. President :—This is only the first year. At the end of the year we can know.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* May I know whether any applications were called for the post ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* Why ?

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Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Because, Government thought it not necessary to call for applications in this case.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* May I know the reasons why they thought so?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* A special man was recommended by the technical expert of the Government in this matter and so he was appointed.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Is the Government now able to do all the printing work that they have in the Government Press?

Mr. President: For the last two years, we have not given any work outside.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether his services were requisitioned by Government?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* He did not apply. He was recommended for the post.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Is Mr. John George a Cochinite?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* No, he is a Travancorean.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* By whom was he recommended?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* By Mr. Rauleder of the Associated Printers, Madras.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Was not Mr. Subramaniam Pillai, also a Travancorean?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Are there not qualified Cochinites for this post?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Unfortunately, none.

GOVERNMENT PRESS—PREVIOUS SUPERINTENDENT.

58. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether the temporary Superintendent of the Government Press appointed last year is still in service?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Yes; the candidate is still in service; but he is not the Superintendent now.

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